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Airfield

The field is approx-

imately 450 x 350 m., grassy, and has no runways. Subsequent to the departure of his unit in the latter part of 1950, the field reverted to a non-operational status. This was attributed to its faulty location in low ground, surrounded on the west by marshes which caused the field to be covered with water in a number of areas up to a depth of seven centimeters.

2. In the spring months, the thawing of the snow usually covers the field with water to a depth of 18 inches. There are four hangars on the field #2 of Enclosure 17 with brick walls and wood roofs. Their measurements are roughly 40 x 20 x 8 m. They are currently used by the local machine factory for the repairing and construction of small fishing craft. There are several former airfield warehouses #4, Enclosure 17 which are used by machine factory. A stationary crane #3 of Enclosure 17 which, prior to the war, was used by naval aviation units to lift seaplanes from the water. The craft were placed on mobile cradles for transporting to the hangar area. The crane was in a caretaker status and only a minor overhaul would be required in order to place the crane in an operating condition. The estimated lifting capacity of the crane is 10 - 15 tons. It is approximately 10 m. high with a stationary right angled boom approximately 10 m. long. A steel supporting brace extends from the base of the crane

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to the extremity of the booms. The motor for the crane was housed in a small shack which was located two meters from the base of the crane.

3. [] a headquarters unit for coastal observation stations was maintained in PUCK. The unit designation was "OBSERVATION AND COMMUNICATION SECTOR NO. 1, PUCK". This unit was billeted in a large building on the town's outskirts #1, Enclosure 17. The house is quite large and has four floors. The detachment consists of five officers and approximately 50 men. The Commanding Officer was, as of December 1952, a 2nd Lieutenant and his assistant was a Captain. The remaining two officers had the rank of Warrant Officer. This unit had a radio station and messing facilities in the building.

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[] the unit had supervision over the coastal watch stations in the PUCK area. The number of stations was unknown

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They were located as follows:

- a. ROZEWIE: This station was located approximately 50 m. from the lighthouse. It consisted of a watch tower and living quarters for approximately 10 men. Radio communication was available for contact with ships and the CP in PUCK.

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[] a signal mast with various pennants could be seen on the tower. The lighthouse was painted white with horizontal bands of red. The watch tower was of white brick construction. For the measurements, see Enclosure 2.

- b. BIALA GORA (WITTENBURG): The second tower is located two kilometers north of the small village of BIALA GORA. The coordinates are 890 - 796 on reference (a). The same conditions pertain to this installation as above, however, there is no lighthouse there.

Comment: 1. Chain of command as employed in the satellite navies evidently is not rigidly prescribed by an organized rank scale. The Commanding Officer of the CP in PUCK is junior in rank to his executive officer.

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2. In view of the terrain conditions existing at PUCK it is considered highly improbable that the Polish Naval Air Arm will initiate actions to re-establish it as an operational naval airfield.

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Enclosures: (1) Sketch of PUCK

(2) Sketch of typical coastal watch tower in PUCK Area

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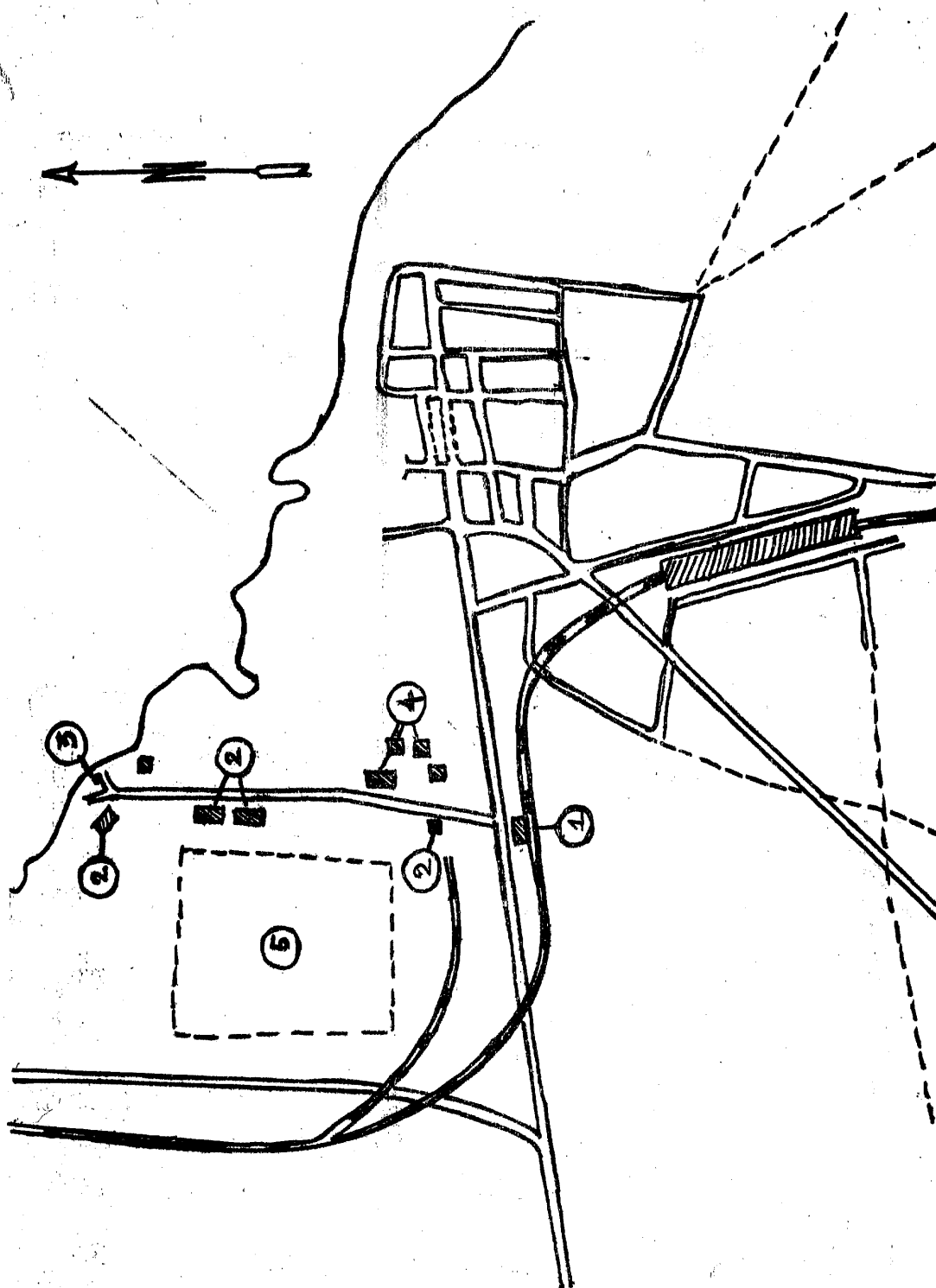
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Enclosure (1): Sketch of PUCK



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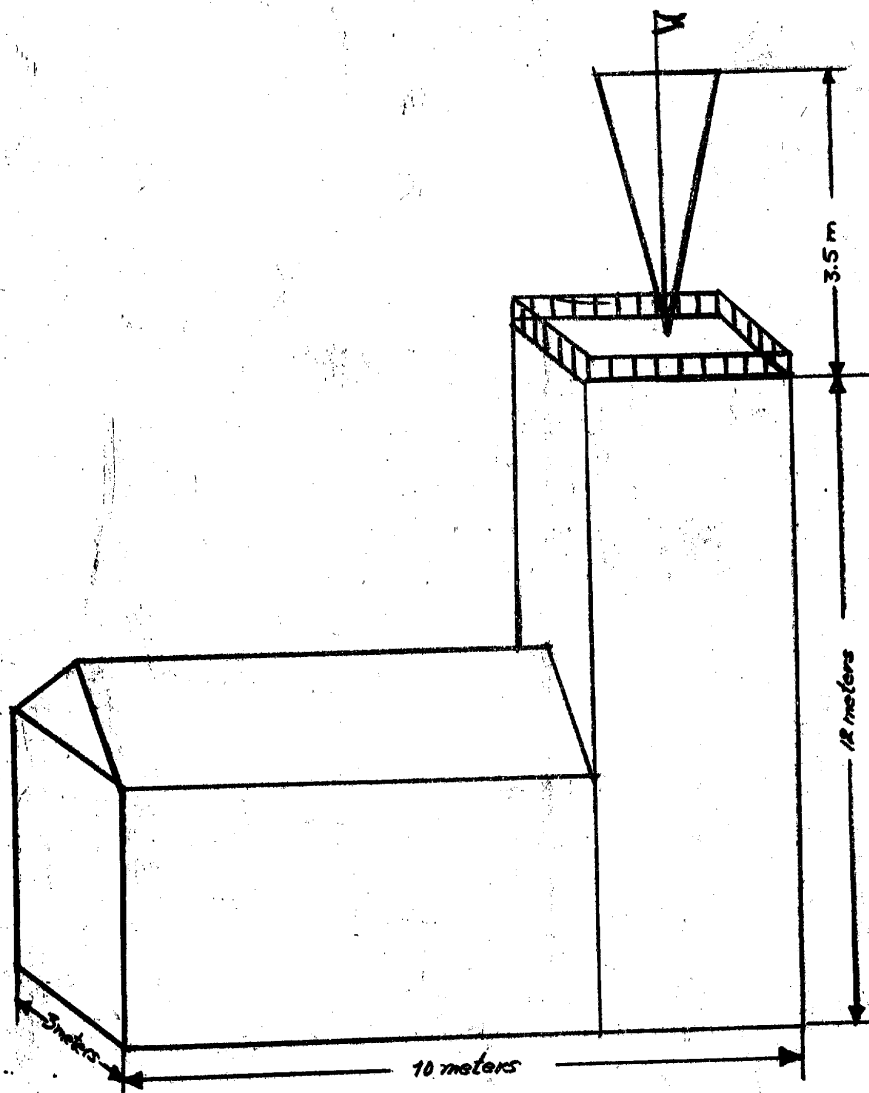
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Enclosure (2): Sketch of typical coastal watch tower in PUCK Area



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